

**Minutes of the Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council**  
**Wednesday, January 28, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

**Present:** Judge Mac Davis , Peter Schuler, Sam Benedict, Marcia Jante, Dan Vrakas, Sam Benedict, Larry Nelson, Susan Dreyfus, Jim Dwyer, Brad Schimel, Kathy Madden, Dan Trawicki, Paul Geiszler. **Absent:** Karl Held.

**Also Present:** Mike Giese, Diane Kelsner, Clara Daniels, Rebecca Luczaj, Ryan Jurgens, Tony Dziedzic, Dave Krahn.

**Approve Minutes of November 19, 2008 Meeting**

MOTION: Schimel moved, Dwyer second, to approve the minutes of November 19, 2008. Motion carried: motion carried 13-0

**WIRED Employment Program Quarterly Update**

Dziedzic distributed and reviewed a handout titled Facilitated Employment Program (FEPO) for Offenders. Dziedzic said one of the program goals was to have 100 job placements in one year with an average wage of \$14 per hour. With the current downturn of the economy, this goal will not be met. Participants will continue to seek employment at higher wages through post employment follow-up services with the case manager. Seventy-one participants have enrolled in the program since its inception in October 2008 resulting in 17 placements with an average wage of \$8.50 per hour. The team is waiting for employment verification on ten participants.

**CJCC Committee/Subcommittee Update**

Education and Public Relations Committee – Jante said they are forming the committee with a focus on education. The first meeting is February 23. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Jante or Luczaj. The group will create a CJCC brochure and quarterly newsletters. Future initiatives include educational forums similar to Family Impact Seminars which will be held in May for local officials and policy makers focusing on juvenile delinquency.

**CJCC Executive Committee Membership Review/Approval**

MOTION: Schuler moved, Madden second, to approve membership of Sam Benedict to the CJCC Executive Committee. Motion carried 13-0.

**CJCC Committee/Subcommittee Update**

Juvenile Justice – Benedict said the group will meet on Friday, January 30 with Judge Haughney at the Juvenile Center to hear an update on Workforce Development's DOL YouthBuild Grant application, review committee membership and discuss issues presented by Waukesha Public School Representatives.

Programs and Alternatives – Schuler said the committee last met on January 14<sup>th</sup> to review programs. They hope to supply program reviews for the Council. The committee also reviewed the ATC Enhancement Grant application. In the future they will focus on 2010 program budgets.

Alcohol Treatment Court - Luczaj said at the last meeting on January 7, the committee talked about the ATC Enhancement Grant application and the SCRAM component. At the next meeting on February 11, the group will talk about the upcoming judicial rotation. She is working with Judge Kiefer, who will be taking over the ATC in August, to get him training on the drug court model. The Wisconsin Association of Treatment Court Professionals Conference will be held in February at the Marriott in Pewaukee. Attendees will have the opportunity to observe Waukesha's ATC in action.

Benedict asked if there was money in the budget to send Judge Kieffer to Drug Court Judicial training in Reno. Luczaj said yes but due to scheduling conflicts, Judge Kieffer will be unable to attend the training until 2010. He is also not available to attend the NADCP annual conference in June.

Pre-Trial – Luczaj said at the last meeting the group discussed the OAR policies released by the District Attorney's office effective October 1, 2008. The policies outline the differences between aggravated and non-aggravated cases and sentencing guidelines and options for both. Luczaj distributed a memorandum outlining the policies.

Schimel said these policies, which include some significant changes, were developed from input from his staff and the Pre-Trial Subcommittee to cover all contingencies. Schimel reviewed the new policies as outlined in the handout.

Vrakas asked if there are any proposed changes to OAR laws at the state level? Krahn said Senators Taylor and Bigsby are circulating OAR legislation. Nelson asked if any bills provide funding for additional staff and jail space to deal with the resulting increased volume. Schimel said the state won't do anything to help counties in this manner.

Alcohol Workgroup – Davis said alcohol is a major contributor to the criminal justice system. He brought together a multi-disciplinary team to discuss treatment options, potential OWI legislative changes, action plans to address alcohol-related offenses system-wide, etc. keeping in mind available resources. He does not know when the workgroup will release a final report.

Luczaj asked if the Council wanted to submit a formal position on proposed OWI legislative changes. Luczaj distributed a handout titled Southeastern Wisconsin Legislators Introduce Legislation to Combat Drunk Driving.

Krahn said the bill is being circulated for signatures and may be formally introduced in one to two weeks. Majority leader of the Senate Russell Decker said he would sign onto the bill. Decker has concerns about the costs but feels they can be worked out.

Dwyer said the CJCC could send letters outlining the fiscal impact of this legislation on Waukesha County. Waukesha County is fiscally sound at this time but close to being in trouble. What happens to other Wisconsin counties who do not have the money to enforce legislation. The CJCC could make recommendations via resolution to the county board and Krahn could lobby the recommendations.

Dreyfus said the influence of the CJCC on public policy is strong. The Council should be on record with our delegation. Nelson agreed that the Council should put together a position noting how the legislation will affect counties. Benedict said he would support the direction also.

Schimel agreed to put together a position letter for legislators to be distributed and discussed at the next meeting.

Data Warehouse Study Group – Luczaj said this group met last week to tackle the large number of offenders categorized as "Not Classified" in the data warehouse and Spillman. She distributed and began reviewing a handout titled Offense Category Recommendations.

Kelsner said more than 1,800 state statutes could be better categorized and more tightly defined to achieve enhanced reporting and data analysis. She is looking for a copy of a report done by Bob Gibson on users'

data/reporting needs based on past meetings with the Data Warehouse Study Group. Past meeting minutes indicate Carolyn Evenson received some information from Gibson but it is not known if a final report was submitted. Schuler said he will gather specific information from Kelsner and contact Gibson via email.

Dwyer said he would recommend the suggested changes to offense categories to better break down categories and make them more understandable.

Luczaj said the chart will be taken to the Police Chief's Protocol Committee on February 26 for approval. Vrakas suggested getting the buy-in of all the police chiefs rather than the Police Chief's Protocol Committee which focuses on Communication Center issues. Trawicki said these changes would not affect how officers function.

Alcohol Treatment Court Fee Workgroup – Schuler said once the ATC Grant ends, fees could be charged for services. This workgroup will develop a sliding fee scale with an anticipated start date of June 1, 2009. The first meeting is February 3.

Benedict would like a representative from his office (Public Defender's office) to attend the meetings.

### **Update & Discussion of Upcoming Youth Funding Opportunity**

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a handout titled 2009 OJJDP Grang Prevention Coordination Assistance Program Grant Overview. The grant provides communities with funding to hire a multi-strategy coordinator to enhance the coordination of existing community-based gang prevention and intervention programs and strategies that are closely aligned with local law enforcement efforts. The grant allows communities to select two to four of the following award categories: primary prevention, secondary prevention, intervention and targeted gang enforcement.

Nelson said he encourages the CJCC to apply for the grant and recommended that Luczaj contact Captain Stigler at the City of Waukesha Police Department. Waukesha has more gang wannabes than real gang members but the situation ebbs and flows. The problem could become worse in a bad economy.

Dwyer recommended talking to Marcia Jante about UW-Extension's Neighborhood Revitalization Program and Drug Free Communities Grant. Jante and staff are successful grant writers. Benedict said any approach to this grant has to be multi-disciplinary.

Vrakas asked what happens to the program when grant funding ends. Trawicki asked how much free money you want to take for a program that won't go anywhere. He doesn't see the need to apply for this grant when Waukesha has an extremely minor gang problem in a small section of the county. Maybe there are communities who need the grant money more than Waukesha. Trawicki said maybe the City of Waukesha should apply for the grant. Geiszler said he doesn't think this is a worthwhile project for the other law enforcement units in the county.

Dreyfus encouraged Luczaj to contact La Casa because the organization will take the program beyond the grant. A community based organization may be the best place to handle this grant. Davis said the school systems should be heavily involved.

Vrakas said the county doesn't have to do everything. The county could provide support for the City of Waukesha on this program.

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Nelson said as the county's population grows it is naïve to think that only the City of Waukesha will be affected by gangs. He needs more information on the grant before making a decision for the City of Waukesha.

Schimmel suggested inviting Captain Stigler from the City of Waukesha Police Department and someone from the school system to the Juvenile Justice Committee meeting on January 30, 2009 where the grant will be further discussed. Schuler suggested asking Peter Slesar for data on gang offenses in Waukesha County.

**Next CJCC Meeting:**

March 25, 2009 at 8:30 am, Room C179

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.